



Report of Project Activities

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Division of Business Partnerships

DENALI TRAINING FUND PROGRESS REPORT



NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.

NAME OF PROJECT: Denali Youth Initiative Program Grant File No. 6-225

REPORT PERIOD: April, May, June 2006

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Briefly describe the grant activities undertaken during the period and any accomplishments achieved.

April 2006: Continued to recruit for Construction Academy, working with Alaska Works to determine which youth were eligible for the program.

May 2006: The Na Tikhatnu Kitiya Construction Academy started and ran from May 7 through the 24. Nine young adults from villages across the state completed the Academy. The first week of training consisted of: First Aid/CPR training, 32 hours of OSHA training, basic carpentry skills training (scaffolding, materials, handling ladders, skill-saw use, working in confined spaces, handling of hazardous materials, fall protection, building railings,, stairways, and sawhorses). The second week of training: trainees utilized new skills to erect a structure at the campsite location in Ninilchik, they were able to practice putting in a foundation, laying out floor beams, constructing walls, decks, railings, roofing , framing doors and window and then did some staining. After the Academy training, the youth came back and received some additional AWP Course Certification training. CITC staff and Alaska Works staff began working with the community to help secure job placement for the graduates.

June 2006: Most of the youth were placed in jobs, either in Anchorage or in their respective villages. A few still needed some help with fixing up their resume and job referrals. As of June 30th, follow up had occurred with each of the participants, at least 2 or 3 contacts with each one of them. Currently, 1 youth is working with Cook Inlet Tribal Authority, 1 is working ICEM, 1 is working in his home community as a maintenance man, 1 is performing general maintenance on his boat. 1 participant recently completed a construction project, 1 is working as a camp mentor and is teaching young campers about careers in the construction field and 4 are currently searching for jobs in the construction field.

The introduction to Construction Trades training taking place at summer camp is very successful. It is all the better because a graduate of the training is actually working at the camp and is the trainer...he speaks from first hand experience.

The Na Tikhatnu Kitiya Construction Academy was a big success. The nine individuals who completed the Academy are a strong, capable group of young men who will make a positive impression in the construction field. We have already received requests from other youth asking to put onto a waiting list for the next time we offer the training.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

Describe the grant activities you expect to complete during the next month.

July and August 2006: Continued construction academy training at the Na Tikhatnu Kitiya Camp until school starts in August. Also, construction trades outreach at youth 'back to school' events. Construction trades information given to CITC Education staff to take back to their classrooms and share with youth in their classes.

PROBLEMS, DELAYS OR CONCERNS EXPERIENCED:

Are the grant activities progressing as planned? If not, what is the cause? Identify if there are any areas the Alaska Workforce Investment Office can provide assistance.

Things have progressed very well during the reporting period. The Academy was a huge success.

The disappointment was with the total number of youth who completed the Academy program. 15 youth were originally signed up to attend. They all made it to Anchorage and began the training, but then personal issues got in the way of a few youth, and so they left the program before they really got started. Then about half way through the training two youth broke numerous rules and were asked to leave the training.

Also it was hard for us to get enough 'youth enticing' construction trade handouts when we could use them before school ended for the summer.

POSSIBLE PROBLEM RESOLUTIONS AND TIMEFRAMES:

For any problems identified, describe how you will resolve them and how long it will take.

We now have the handouts we need and those will be distributed in July and August.

If we are able to hold another Academy in the future we will have more time to recruit individuals who are 'truly ready' to move into the trades field.

Certification: I certify that the above information is true and correct and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

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